

REMARKS

Status of Claims

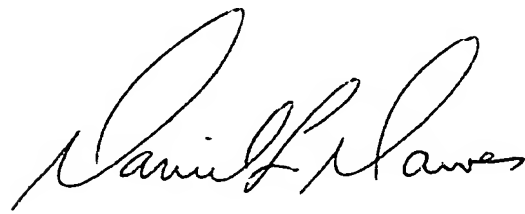
Claims 1-64 were original in the application. Claims 2, 3, 11, 40, 43, and 62-64 has been cancelled. Claims 7, 8, 17, 19, 20, 23, 26, 27, 31, 34-36, 44-46, 48-50, 52-54, and 58-61 have been withdrawn. Claim 1 has been currently amended. Claims 1, 3-6, 9, 10, 12-16, 18, 21, 22, 24, 25, 28-30, 32, 33, 37-39, 41, 42, 47, 51, and 55-57 are submitted for examination on the merits.

Rejection Pursuant to 35 USC 103

In the latest Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 12-16, 18, 22, 24, 25, 28, 29, 32, 33, 37-39, 41-43, 47, 48, 51, and 55 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,206,914 ("Soykan") in view of U.S. Patent 6,379,323 ("Patterson") and in further of U.S. Patent 6,479,052 ("Marshall").

The applicant thanks the Examiner for the interview of May 18, 2009 wherein the proposed amendments above were found to distinguish over Soykan, Patterson and Marshall. Applicant respectfully requests advancement of the claims to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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